

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.25
2. Temporary Resource Number: 113
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name: Wenz & Son Undertakers, Stewart Mortuary
6. Current Building Name: Amica's
7. Building Address: 136 E. 2nd St.
8. Owner Name and Address: Misto Limited Company, 7626 Co. Rd. 253, Salida, CO 81201

Parcel Number: 368132422257
SHF Grant Number: 2001-02-004

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. N.M. Township 50N Range 9E
1/4 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 32

10. UTM Reference
Zone 13 Easting 413609 Northing 4265461

11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo.
Year: 1994 Map Scale: 7.5' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.

12. Lot (s): 23 Block(s): 22
Addition: Salida Original Townsite Year of Addition: 1880

13. Boundary Description and Justification:
Boundary includes the building and the urban parcel on which it is situated.

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): L-Shaped
15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 149 X Width 46
16. Stories: 2
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):
Brick
18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):
Flat
19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Asphalt
20. Special Features (enter all that apply):
Decorative Cornice, Segmental Arch Windows.
21. General Architectural Description:

Two-story painted brick commercial building with flat roof with one-story wing at rear. Façade has plain cornice and frieze with dentils and bands of molded brick. Second story has four tall, narrow, double-hung sash windows with segmental arched brick hood molds and wood sills. Projecting molded cornice above first story. First story has remodeled storefront with painted wire-drawn brick; brick piers divide the first story into four slightly inset bays with bands of brick at top of bay. Slightly off-center entrance flanked by elliptical arched windows with geometric glazing and brick sills. Entrance has door with large rectangular light, sidelights, and transom. Entrance at west end of

façade has door with large rectangular light and geometrically glazed transom. East wall of second story has three segmental arched windows on second story. First story has one window opening near south end and two wood shingled gabled hoods sheltering entrances at center of wall. Metal chimney on east.

Garage at rear is concrete block with flat roof with stepped parapet and two sets of paneled and glazed hinged garage doors on north and west walls.

22. **Architectural Style/Building Type:** Late Victorian
23. **Landscaping or Special Setting Features:**
N/A
24. **Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects:**
Garage

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate 1888-1890 **Actual**

Source of Information: Sanborn Map, 1888 and 1890

26. **Architect:** Unknown

Source of Information:

27. **Builder/Contractor:** Unknown

Source of Information:

28. **Original Owner:** Unknown

Source of Information:

29. **Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):**

The 1890 through 1898 Sanborn fire insurance maps show this resource as a two-story building with a small rear projection near the west end. Between 1898 and 1904, the small projection was removed and a full width one-story rear projection was added. Between 1914 and 1929, a second full width rear addition was constructed which extended the building to the alley.

30. **Original Location:** Yes **Date of Moves**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. **Original Use(s):** Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store

32. **Intermediate Use(s):** Funerary/Mortuary

33. **Current Use(s):** Commerce and Trade/Restaurant

34. **Site Type(s):** Commercial Building

35. **Historical Background:**

This building was erected between 1888 and 1890, according to Sanborn fire insurance maps for those years. Sanborn maps for 1890 through 1909 show a furniture store on the first floor of the building and furnished rooms on the second floor. Louis Wenz and Son, undertakers and embalmers, was listed here in 1911-12. Mr. Wenz operated a furniture store for many years in Salida on F Street and also served as mayor. A small L-shaped building to the rear housed a blacksmith shop on 1890 through 1909 maps. The 1903-04 city directory indicates that Mrs. Annie M. Slater provided furnished rooms upstairs for lodgers at this address. Amos P. Slater operated his blacksmith shop in the rear building here in the 1905-06 to 1911-12 period.

The rear building was labeled vacant on the 1914 Sanborn map; it was removed between 1914 and 1929. The main building housed an undertaking business on 1914 through 1945 Sanborn maps. Stewart Mortuary was listed at this address in city directories from 1922-23 through 1961. The 1922-23 directory listed L.B. Stewart as the proprietor. A display advertisement that year noted that the firm had a "lady assistant licensed embalmer" and featured "no extra charge for use of chapel." The 1951 directory showed Joseph E. Stewart as president and manager. Stewart Mortuary was still in the building at the time of the 1981 historic buildings survey.

On 4 July 1994, following extensive interior remodeling, the Salida branch of the Il Vicino restaurant chain opened for business. The business featured wood oven pizza and a medal-winning microbrewery. Il Vicino closed in 2002.

36. Sources of Information:

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Survey Form, 136 E. 2nd St., 1981; Il Vicino website, www.ilvicino.com; Salida Walking Tours; Salida Mail, 10 August 1906.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE**37. Local Landmark Designation:** No**Date of Designation:****Designating Authority:****38. Applicable National Register Criteria:**

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to history or prehistory.

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (See Manual).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance:**40. Period of Significance:****41. Level of Significance:****42. Statement of Significance:**

This building is associated with the development of Salida during the first decade of its development and with the history of the undertaking industry, having served as a mortuary for many years. Although altered, the building retains its decorative frieze and segmental arched double-hung sash windows with brick hood molds.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

This building retains moderate historic physical integrity. The first story of the façade has been totally remodeled, while the upper story retains its original windows and ornamental frieze.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**44. National Register Field Eligibility Assessment:** Not eligible**45. Is there National Register district potential? Discuss.** N/A

This building is located within an existing National Register district, the Salida Downtown Historic District.

If there is NRHP district potential, indicate contributing status: N/A

46. If the building is in an existing NRHP district, indicate contributing status: Contributing**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION****47. Photographic Reference(s):** 13: 5, 7, 9, 19, 21, 23, 25.**Negatives Filed At:** City of Salida**Photographer:** Roger Whitacre**48. Report Title:** Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02**49. Date(s):** September 2002**50. Recorder(s):** R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons**51. Organization:** Front Range Research Associates, Inc.**52. Address:** 3635 W. 46th Ave.**53. Phone Number(s):** (303) 477-7597

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad map indicating the resource's location, and photographs.

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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02
Sketch Map

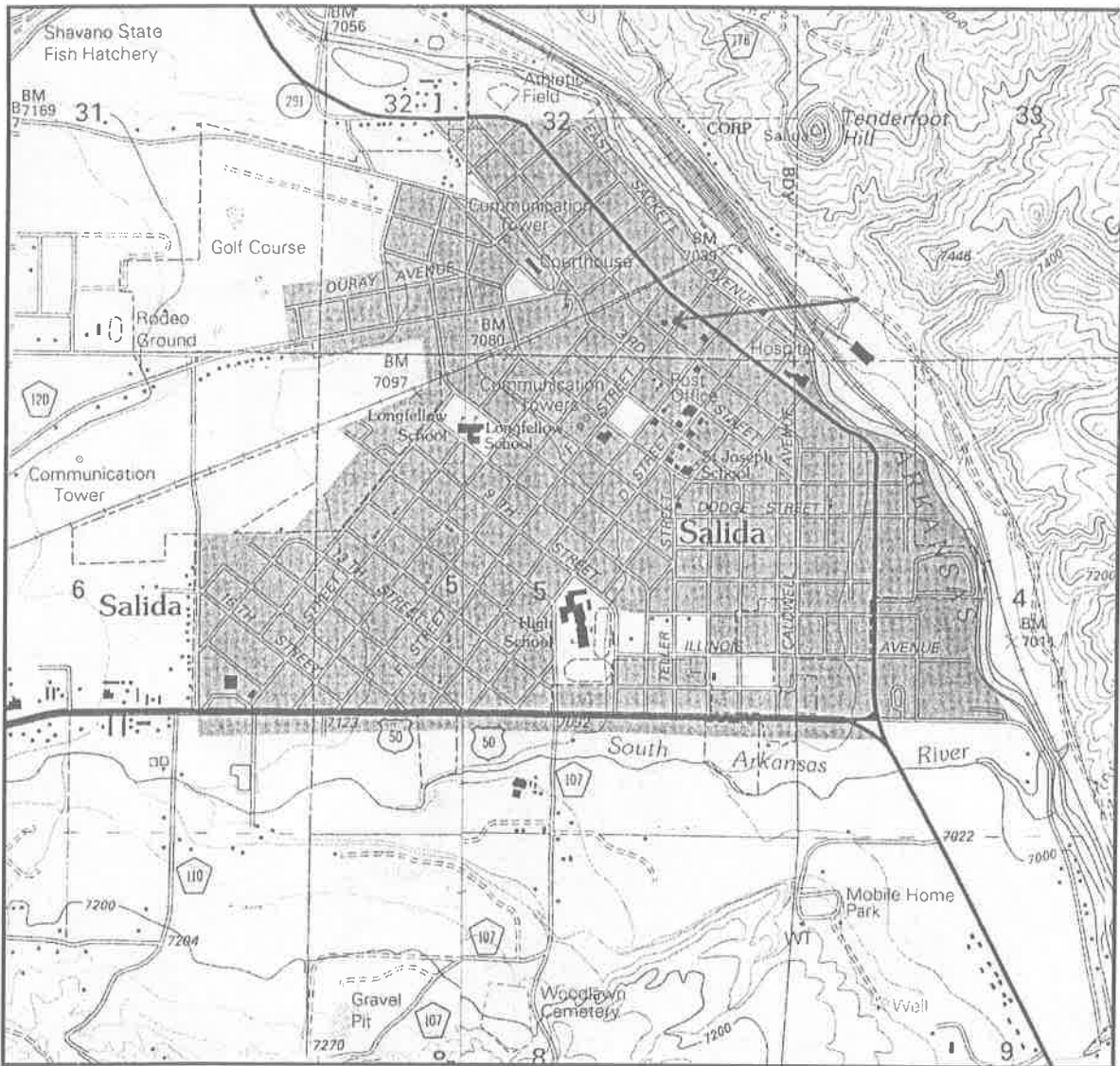


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USGS Location Map

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